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Jim Hull, Director  
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Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
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Dear Mr. Hull:

Re: Approval of Sugar Creek TMDL

This letter responds to the submission from Missouri Department of Natural Resources dated November 25, 2002, of the Sugar Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which was identified on the 1998 Missouri §303(d) list. Sugar Creek is impaired by pH.

EPA has completed its review of this TMDL with supporting documentation and information. By this letter EPA approves the submitted TMDL for Sugar Creek. Enclosed with this letter are Region 7 TMDL Review Forms which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of the TMDL. The EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDL described in the enclosed forms adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

EPA is currently in consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the TMDL. While EPA is approving these TMDLs at the present time, EPA may decide that changes to the TMDLs are warranted based upon the results of the consultation when it is completed.

EPA appreciates the thoughtful effort that MDNR has put into these TMDLs. EPA will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by MDNR to develop the remaining TMDLs.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Alderman  
Director  
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosures

cc: Sharon Clifford, TMDL Coordinator, Water Pollution Control Program